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The attached reference cited on Form PTO-1449 is deemed relevant to the captioned application.

The reference, titled "America Outdoors Shooting & Hunting, Shotgun Games part 2," describes various shooting games that are known in the shooting industry. None of the games described in this disclosure describe the game invented in this Application.

The present invention is distinguished from the games described in this reference in that the present game requires the use of strategy in addition to shooting skill and accuracy. Shooting games typically require shooters to hit targets that are launched. The games usually reward players for hitting the most number of targets. Other games vary the number of points rewarded based on the difficulty of the shot.

None of the games disclosed involve dividing a game board into a plurality of zones, selecting a zone, projecting a projectile through that zone, shooting at the projectile, determining whether the projectile was hit within the selected zone, and marking the zone if the projectile was hit within the zone. Thus, the present invention involves a combination of strategy, i.e., deciding which zone to shoot at, and skill, i.e.,

successfully hitting the target within the selected zone. The present invention also includes marking zones that were hit which enables players to create rules that reward marking a pre-determined configuration or series of zones. The marking provides an additional level of strategy over the disclosed games in that players must not only accurately shoot, they must also strategically select zones to shoot so as to mark desired configurations or series of zones. The present invention is also distinct from other shooting games in that once zones are marked, the zones become unavailable for further selection by subsequent turns or other players, which provides a further level of strategy not found in other shooting games.

The Applicant is unaware of any other prior art relevant to the instant invention filed herewith.

It is submitted that the claims of the captioned application patentably distinguish the present invention from each of these prior art references taken alone or in combination.

Respectfully submitted,
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America Outdoors Shooting and Hunting, "Shotgun Games, part 2" <http://www.americaoutdoors.com/shooting/features/shotgames_2.htm> June 5, 2003

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